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of the

Town Officers

of

ROXBURY

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the year ending

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
EDWIN ELLIS

Town Clerk
EDWARD E. BAKER

Selectmen
FRANK J. STEELE CHARLES A. N. NYE
HARRY J. MENTER

Town Treasurer
EDWARD E. BAKER

Tax Collector
IRENE CADY

Road Agent
HERBERT RUSSELL

Overseer of Poor
CHARLES A. N. NYE

Assessors
FRANK J. STEELE CHARLES A. N. NYE
HARRY J. MENTER

Supervisors
CYRUS K. ELLIS MARION ELLIS

Auditor
BESSIE BAKER
Constable and Police
WILLIAM HOOPER

Retainer

CHESTER B. JORDAN

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

CYRUS K. ELLIS

CHARLES A. N. NYE

Sexton

HERBERT RUSSELL

Trustees of Trust Funds

LENA NYE

BESSIE BAKER

EDWARD BAKER

Ballot Inspectors

CLARENCE CADY

MARION ELLIS

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(TOWN WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury, in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Your are hereby notified to meet at School House in said Roxbury on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise money for poor relief for 1939.
4. To see what action the town will take in regard to the money spent by selectmen for flood damage and W. P. A. work.
5. To see if the town will vote for State Aid Construction or for construction of Class V highways T. R. A. so-called.
6. To choose Trustees for the Trust Fund.
7. To see if the town wishes to discontinue any old roads.
8. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers and pass any action thereto.

9. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

CHARLES A. N. NYE,
HARRY J. MENTER,
Selectmen of Roxbury.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES A. N. NYE,
HARRY J. MENTER,
Selectmen of Roxbury.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

State tax,	\$228 00
County tax,	392 51
Town tax,	500 00
Highways and bridges,	1,000 00
Snow,	100 00
State aid construction,	180 00
Schools,	850 00
Road grader,	300 00
Monadnock Region Association,	15 00
	\$3,565 51
Overlay,	33 74
	\$3,599 25
38 polls,	\$76 00
15 horses,	\$2,075 00
29 cows,	1,440 00
3 neat stock,	120 00
35 sheep,	175 00
Power lines,	9,400 00
Saw mill,	1,000 00
Wood and lumber,	2,000 00
	\$16,210 00
Resident,	25,135 00
Non-resident,	83,280 00
	\$124,625 00
Tax rate \$2.53.	

ESTIMATED

Interest and dividends,	\$302 81
Railroad, saving bank,	10 49
Auto permits,	56 84
	\$370 14

Working figures, \$3,119.37.

Committed to collector,	\$3,229 11
2 polls,	4 00
	\$3,233 11

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Edward E. Baker, town clerk,	\$30 00
Frank J. Steele, selectman,	50 00
Charles A. N. Nye, selectman,	60 00
Harry J. Menter, selectman,	50 00
Edward E. Baker, town treasurer,	30 00
Frank J. Steele, assessor,	10 00
Charles A. N. Nye, assessor,	10 00
Harry J. Menter, assessor,	10 00
Irene Cady, tax collector,	50 00
Herbert J. Russell, road agent,	20 00
Cyrus K. Ellis, supervisor,	6 00
Marion Ellis, supervisor,	3 00
Charles A. N. Nye, overseer of poor,	3 00
William Hooper, constable and police,	2 00
Herbert J. Russell, sexton,	2 00
Clarence Cady, ballot inspector,	2 00
Marion Ellis, ballot inspector,	2 00
Bessie Baker, auditor for 1937,	8 00
Bessie Baker, auditor for 1938,	8 00
Edward E. Baker, notary public	5 00
	\$361 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Chase's Book Store, supplies,	\$7 53
Harry J. Menter, carrying selectmen,	5 00
Esther Bennett, list of deeds,	30
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports,	32 50
Winfield Chaplin, register of deeds,	4 20
Chase's Book Store, supplies,	1 14
Tilden Co., cemetery flags,	2 10
Mason Insurance Co., bonds,	37 50
Mason Insurance Co., constable bonds,	5 00
Chase's Book Store, supplies,	5 69
Spencer Hardware Co., supplies,	4 30
Chase's Book Store, supplies,	1 25
Charles Ring, supplies,	75
Harry J. Menter, hurricane and W. P. A.,	5 00
Charles A. N. Nye, hurricane and W. P. A.,	5 00
Frank J. Steele, hurricane and W. P. A.,	5 00
Chase's Book Store, supplies,	3 00
Aldrich and Son, insurance on church,	31 25
Charles Nye, stamps, tel., etc.,	3 00
Edward Baker, stamps and auto permits,	10 91
	\$170 42

ORDERS PAID BY SELECTMEN

Salaries,	\$361 00
Town officers' expenses,	170 42
Expenses on church,	49 48
Forest fires,	30 70
Paid for W. P. A. expenses,	344 14
Flood damage,	1,335 64
Class V road aids,	312 80
Town maintenance,	744 75
State aid construction,	179 86
Snow,	219 78
Road scraper,	338 00

Advance for groceries and gas,	107 84
Town poor,	101 85
Monadnock Region Association,	15 00
State tax,	228 00
County tax,	392 51
School,	850 00
	\$5,781 77

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. STEELE,

CHARLES A. N. NYE,

HARRY J. MENTER,

Selectmen of Roxbury.

REPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Middle town road,	\$136 56
Davis road,	196 44
Branch road,	63 10
Dakin road,	43 55
Dillingham road,	80 70
Dawes road,	81 15
Marlboro road,	33 75
Woodward pond road,	33 60
Buckminster road,	36 30
Newcomb road,	33 20
Willard road,	6 40

\$744 75

CLASS V

Middle town road,	\$74 90
Dakin road,	43 40
Marlboro road,	79 50
Woodward pond road,	51 80
Dillingham road,	36 40
Dawes road,	28 80

\$312 80

FLOOD AND WIND STORM

Total spent,	\$1,335 64
Class V money used,	\$259 33
Maintenance money used,	581 13
Overdraw,	\$495 18

SNOW REMOVAL

Total spent,		\$219 78
Overdraw,	\$119 78	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

General maintenance,	\$744 75	
Class V,	312 80	
Snow,	219 78	
Flood and wind,	1,335 64	
		\$2,612 97

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Maintenance,	\$1,000 00	
Snow,	100 00	
Class V received from State,	572 13	
Balance 1938,	325 88	
		1,998 01
Total overdraw,		\$614 96

TOOLS OWNED BY TOWN

1 road scraper
 15 shovels
 3 bars
 3 forks
 1 snow plow
 4 grub hoes
 3 bush hooks
 6 picks
 3 snow shovels
 1 road drag

1 grind stone
6 cross cut saws
12 axes
2 cant hooks
3 hoes
2 tool boxes

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
Road Agent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes committed to collector,	\$3,229 11	
Added tax,	4 00	
Interest,	1 13	
		\$3,234 24
Remittances to treasurer,	\$2,829 36	
Uncollected as per list,	401 08	
Abatement,	4 00	
		\$3,234 44
Overpayment,		20
		\$3,234 24

List of unpaid taxes:	Property	Poll
Irene Ashford,		\$2 00
J. A. Boomhower,	\$2 53	2 00
H. M. Brown,	2 53	
F. L. Carey,	2 53	
Henry Chickering,	6 33	
Lorenzo Davis,	86 78	
Clarence Davis,	10 12	2 00
Burt Ellis,	13 66	2 00
Clifton French,		2 00
Mary French,		2 00
Richard Fish,	16 71	2 00
Stella Garfield,		2 00
Henry Howard,	89	
Emmett Hazen,	89	
Madella Hazen Est.,	151 80	

Gertrude Jacob,	2 00
Willie Jacob,	2 00
Emile Lambert,	2 53
Harry Menter,	25 00
Carroll Osgood,	12 65
Adelaide Newman,	17 71
Leo Paul,	13 24
Earl Spaulding,	3 80
Beaver Mills,	11 38

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of January 31, 1939, on account of the tax levy of 1938 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRENE CADY,
Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1938,	\$1,985 34
Received from Irene Cady for 1938 taxes,	2,828 03
Received from Irene Cady, interest,	1 13
Received from Cyrus K. Ellis, for 1937,	218 89
Received from Cyrus K. Ellis, interest,	8 21
Received from Cyrus K. Ellis, for 1936,	15 72
Received from Cyrus K. Ellis, costs and interest,	5 58
Received from State, Class V maintenance,	572 13
Received from State, interest and dividend tax,	305 53
Received from State, railroad and savings bank,	4 26
Received from State for forest fires,	14 05
Received from town clerk, auto permits,	67 16
Received from town clerk, dog licenses,	4 00
Received from Harry J. Menter, refund,	103 55
Total receipts,	\$6,140 92
Paid orders of selectmen,	5,781 77
Balance in Cheshire National Bank,	\$359 15
Due from collector, 1937,	\$286 97
Due from collector, 1938,	400 88

EDWARD E. BAKER,
Treasurer.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Mowing and Cleaning Nye and Hillside Cemeteries

Perley W. Ellis, 24½ hrs. work at 40c per hr.,	\$9 60
Earl J. Russell, 20½ hrs. work at 40c per hr.,	8 20
Edward E. Baker, Truck, 3 hrs. work at \$1.30 per hr.,	3 90
	\$21 70

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,

Sexton.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1939

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1892	Ruel H. Kingsbury Cemetery Fund	Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 836	\$100	3%	\$126.16	\$6.83	\$8.50	\$124.49
June 4, 1909	George G. Davis Cemetery Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 5585	100	3%	118.88	6.60	8.20	117.28
Apr. 14, 1921	Elen A. Davis Cemetery Fund	Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 13980	100	3%	45.62	4.39	3.00	47.01
Aug. 9, 1934	Nye Cemetery Fund	Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 17907	25	3%	2.38	.82	2.00	1.20
	Totals				\$243.04	\$18.64	\$21.70	\$289.98

BESSIE H. BAKER,
EDWARD E. BAKER,
HERBERT RUSSELL,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

February 27, 1939.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts and records of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Treasurer, and the Selectmen and find them correct and properly vouched to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BESSIE H. BAKER,
Auditor.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(SCHOOL WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Roxbury qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said district on the 14th day of March, 1939, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto .
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 for the alteration of the school building for the purpose of installing a new heating system.

10. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Roxbury this 25th day of February, 1939.

WILLIAM HOOPER,
HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WILLIAM HOOPER,
HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1939-1940

School District of Roxbury, N. H.

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**Elementary Schools**

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,000 00	
Text books,	20 00	
Scholars' supplies,	15 00	
Flags and appurtenances,	2 00	
Other expenses of instruction,	5 00	
Janitor service,	52 00	
Fuel,	36 00	
Water, light, janitors' supplies,	8 00	
Minor repairs and expenses,	15 00	
Health supervision, (medical inspection),	10 00	
Other special activities,	700 00	
		\$1,863 00

Other statutory requirements:

Salaries of district officers, (fixed by district),	\$57 00	
Payment of tuition in High schools and academies, (estimated by board),	75 00	
Superintendent's excess salary, (fixed by supervisory union),	34 14	
Per capita tax, (report of state treasurer),	26 00	
		\$192 14

Total amount required to meet school board's budget,		\$2,055 14
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ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1939, (estimate),	\$500 00
State aid, (December, 1939 allotment),	409 00
Elementary school tuition receipts, (estimate),	444 00
Deduct total estimated income, (not raised by taxation),	\$1,353 00
Assessment required to balance school board's budget,	\$702 14
Special appropriation proposed,	200 00
Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriations,	\$902 14

WILLIAM HOOPER,
HERBERT RUSSELL,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

Fiscal Year Feb. 1, 1938 to June 30, 1938

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1938,	None
Received from selectmen, appropriation for current year,	\$1,050 00
Received from state treasurer, state aid,	331 41
Received from Union School District, tuition,	468 00
Total amount available for fiscal year,	\$1,849 41
To balance overdrawn 1937 account,	52 29
	\$1,797 12
Less school orders paid,	1,058 21
Balance on hand June 30, 1938,	\$738 91

EDWIN B. ELLIS,
District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other records of the School Board of Roxbury, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and find them correct.

INEZ A. MENTER,
Auditor.

July 31, 1938.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Roxbury:

I herein submit my sixteenth annual report as superintendent of schools:

ORGANIZATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1937-1938

School	Teacher	Enrollment
Branch	Marion Russell	22

PROMOTIONS

The following numbers of promotions were made in respective grades in June:

Grades,	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	1	4	1	5	1	3	1	1
Totals,	1	4	1	5	1	3	1	1

These promotions were made on following points: regularity of attendance, term rank, standard tests and regular examinations given by teacher.

Metropolitan Achievement Tests were given: one at mid-year and one in June.

The Otis Standard Graduation examination for elementary schools was given to the eighth grade.

These tests are very helpful in the gradation and placement of our pupils. By their use, much of the person equation of the individual teacher is eliminated. They show up not only the strong features but also the weak in our educational system.

ORGANIZATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1938-1939

School	Teacher	Enrollment
Branch,	Marion Russell	24

At time of writing, the school is well organized, the instruction effective, progress normal, discipline excellent and good results are obtained from the socialized recitations.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

Year 1937-1938

Examiner, Dr. L. G. Hildreth:

Number of pupils examined,	19
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Record of examination:

Number having defective vision,	4
Number having cardiac disease,	1
Number having deformity,	1
Number having defective teeth,	1
Number having diseased tonsils,	1
Number having adenoids,	1
Number vaccinated,	17
Number not vaccinated,	2

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the school board, teachers and parents for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H., Feb. 18, 1939.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1937-1938

Total length of school year in weeks,	36
Number of pupils registered,	22
Number of half days schools were in session,	348
Number of half days school were closed,	12
Average membership in the school,	19.06
Average attendance,	18.26
Percent of attendance for Roxbury,	95.80
Percent of attendance for district,	95.12
Number of tardinesses,	0
Number of pupils not absent nor tardy,	2
Number of visits made by school board members,	4
Number of visits made by superintendent,	17
Number of visits made by citizens,	68
Number of pupils transported by the district,	1

HONOR HOLL

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for entire year:

Leo Antoine Laporte

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1889, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROXBURY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1938

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.							
1937											
Dec. 21	John James	M	L	4	Stephen Royce	Lois A. Rice		Randolph, Vt.	Marlboro	29	23
1938									West Swanzey	25	26
June 21	Paula Marlene	F	L	4	Hubert J. Russell	Hazel E. Knott	Truck driver	Roxbury	Keene	39	26
July 14	Donald Joseph	M	L	3	Clarence W. Cady	Irene Davis	Laborer	Westmoreland	St. Celeste, P. Q.	29	31
Oct. 7		F	S	1	Willie Joseph Jacobs	Gertrude Provencher	Chair shop	Province of Quebec	Keene	29	31
Dec. 28	Bernard	M	L	3	William Hooper	Beatrice V. Howard	Pipe fitter	Walpole		31	27

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROXBURY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1938

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
1938 Oct. 7 Nov. 21	Lena May Nye	0 59 10	0 10 1	0 1 1	Roxbury Marlboro	M F M	S M S	Canada Nelson	Canada London	Wm. Jacobs Joseph P. Mason	Certrude Lizzie M. Rollins

*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWARD E. BAKER,
Town Clerk.

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